



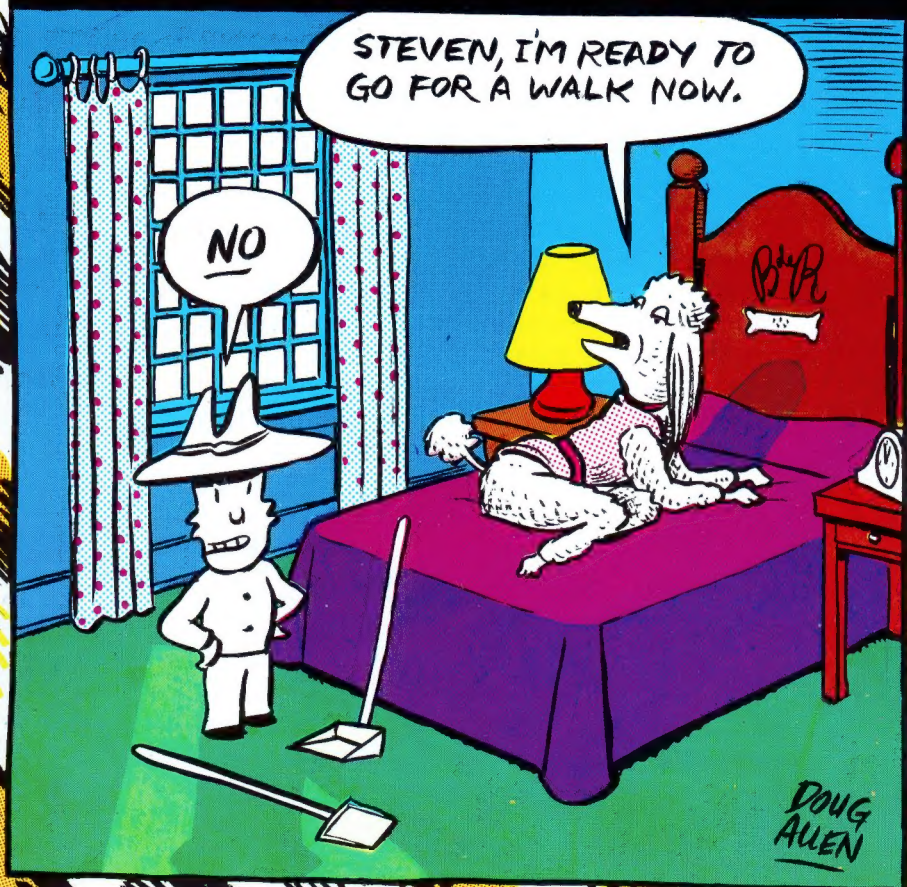
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STEVEN

NUMBER TWO





Steven Number Two

This is the second in a series of the best of the weekly Steven strips, picking up where Steven Number One left off, somewhere in 1986.

Also included, in the middle of the book are some of the first published strips from 1977 on, which appeared in the Rhode Island School of Design's student paper, and later in Brown University's rag called *Fresh Fruit*. Both of these colleges are in Providence, Rhode Island, as is the headquarters of the *New Paper*, where the later strips appeared. A lot of these episodes are about that town and places like Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel (now closed). Hence, the *Steven of Providence* years.

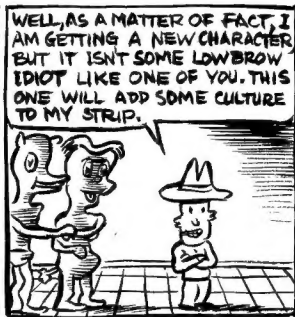
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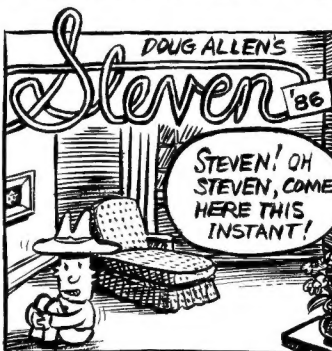
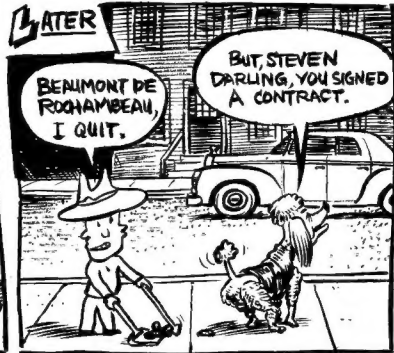
STEVEN BY DOUG ALLEN and the Idiots '86



I SAW THIS CLASSIFIED AD FOR A SERVANT TO A FAMOUS NOBLEMAN. MR. BEAUMONT DE ROCHAMBEAU OF NEW YORK CITY.



"WEALTHY FIFTH AVENUE RESIDENT SEEKS ATTENDANT TO TAKE CARE OF MINIMAL DUTIES."



YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE POORLY EDUCATED. I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU ETIQUETTE





DOUG ALLEN'S Steven

STEVEN, DID YOU GET FIRED?

NO

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE OUT PICKING UP CLEANING SUPPLIES. BEAUMONT WANTS ME TO CLEAN THE MESS WE MADE, BUT I'M NOT GOING BACK.

OH

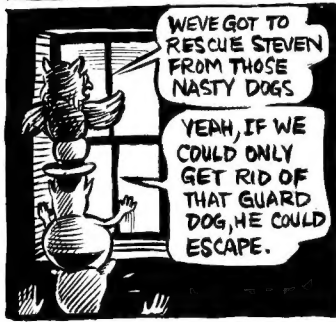
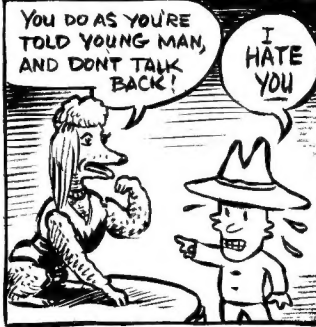
WELL HE CANT MAKE YOU GO BACK. IT WAS JUST A JOB. YOU CAN QUIT IF YOU WANT TO

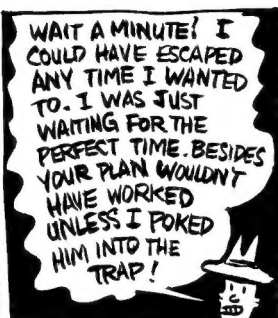
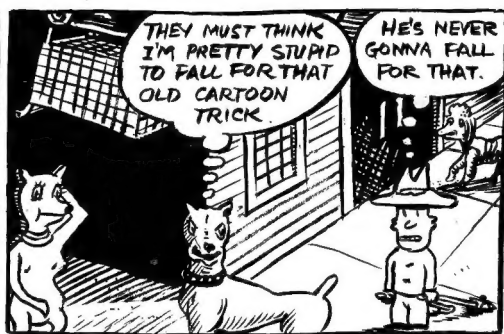
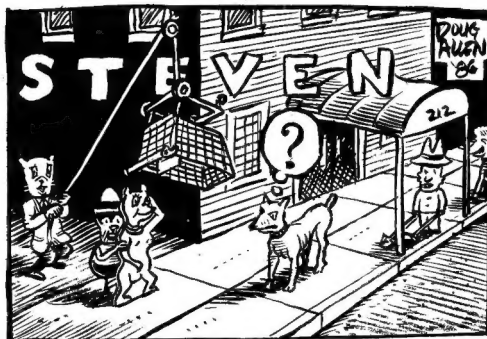
GLUG GLUG

OH NO
=GULP=

YES YOU CAN. I MEAN, HE DOESN'T OWN YOU OR ANYTHING. RIGHT?...

JUST LIKE STEVEN TO LEAVE WITHOUT PAYING.



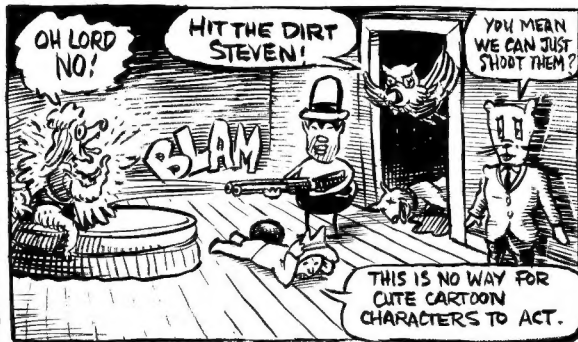
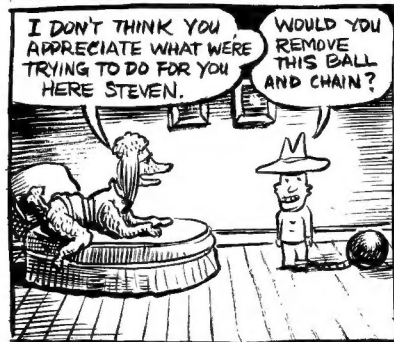
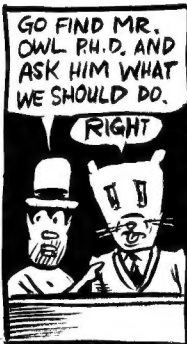


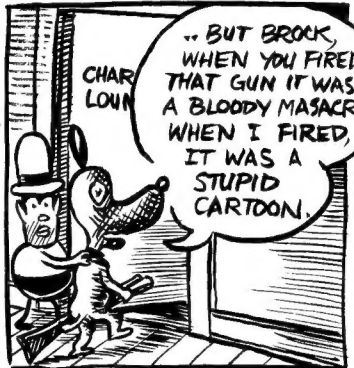
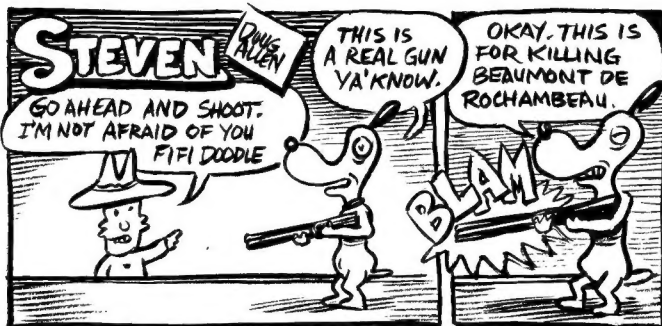
WELL THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU DID ESCAPE AND YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO STOOP AND SCOOP FOR THAT UPPITTY POODLE AGAIN



IT'LL BE QUITE SOME TIME BEFORE THAT WATCHDOG GETS OUT OF THAT CAGE.







DOUG ALLEN'S STEVEN

IT'S NOT EASY BEING STEVEN, BUT SOME-BODYS GOT TO DO IT.



IF YOU ASK ME IT'S A BAD IDEA TO GET THE READERS USED TO A CERTAIN CHARACTER AND THEN KILL THEM OFF. NOT TO MENTION WHAT IT DOES TO THE CHARACTER HIMSELF.

WELL I DIDNT ASK YOU, STUPID, SO SHUT THE HELL UP. BESIDES, I DONT KILL THEM, I JUST RETIRE THEM TO THE CHARACTER'S LOUNGE.



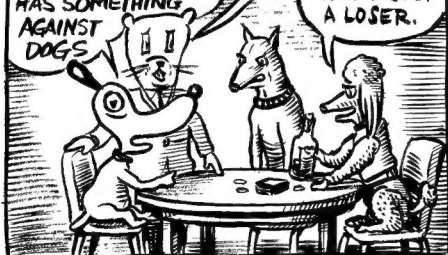
OKAY, OKAY EASE UP.

MEANWHILE:

I THINK STEVEN HAS SOMETHING AGAINST DOGS

I'M NOT A DOG

SHUT UP WOODROW, YOU'RE JUST A LOSER.

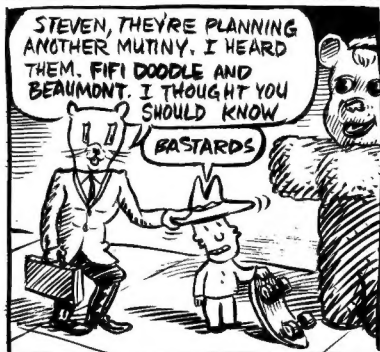


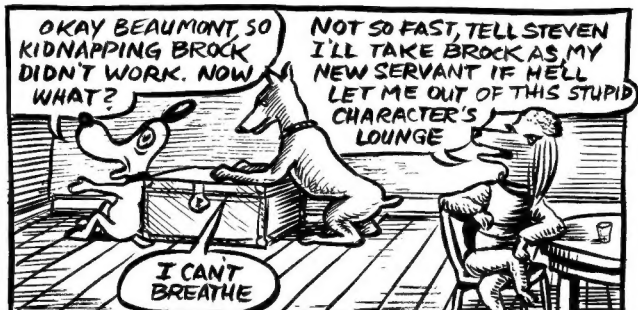
YOU THOUGHT STEVEN WAS WORKING FOR YOU, BEAUMONT, BUT THE TRUTH IS HE BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS STRIP TO USE YOU FOR A JOKE.

OH NO, I'M GETTING OUTA HERE. I SENSE ANOTHER MUTINY.



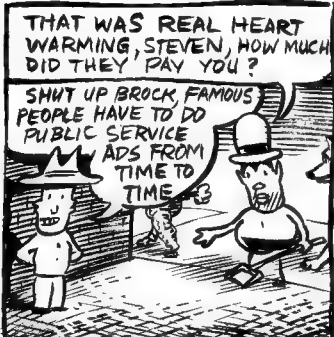
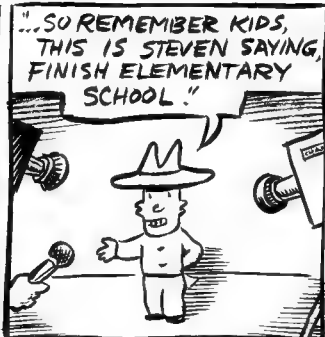
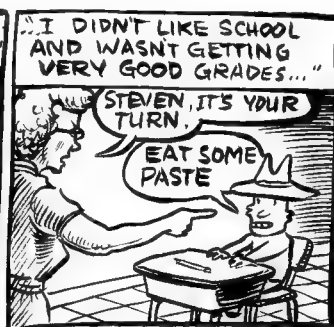
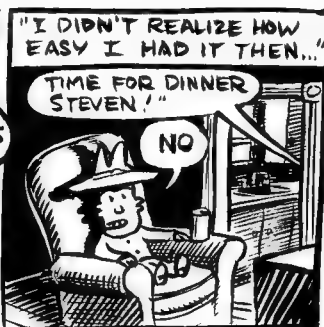
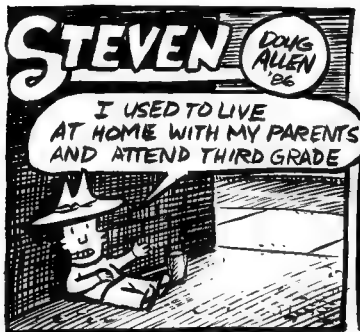
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA STEVEN?





STEVEN

AT A CAR SHOW.



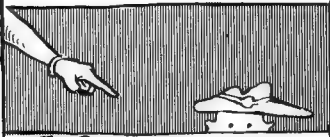


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STEVEN "GOES TO SCHOOL"

— BY DOUG ALLEN

ON MONDAY, STEVEN'S MOTHER SAID, "YOU HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL NOW STEVEN."



STEVEN HATED SCHOOL.

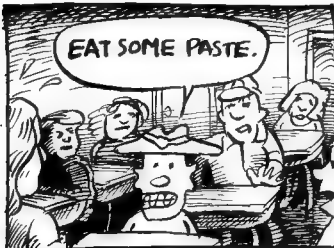
LATER AT SCHOOL
HI, MY NAME'S BILLY. WHAT'S YOURS?
I HATE YOU



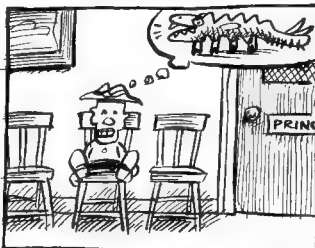
CLASS, I'D LIKE YOU TO WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENT NAMED STEVEN.



EAT SOME PASTE.



STEVEN! GO TO THE PRINCIPAL AT ONCE!



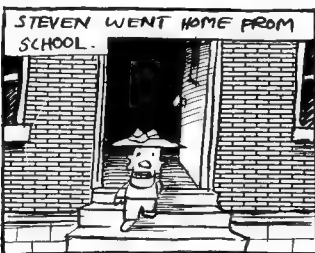
YOU'VE BEEN A BAD BOY STEVEN. YOU MUST BE PUNISHED.



STEVEN BIT THE PRINCIPAL'S FINGER



STEVEN WENT HOME FROM SCHOOL.



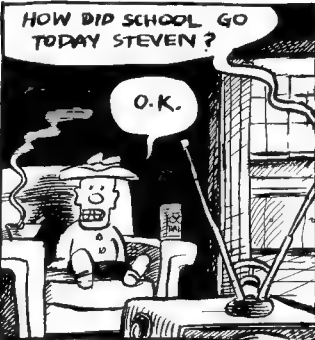
HI STEVEN, HOW ARE YOU?



STEVEN WAS IN A BAD MOOD.



HOW DID SCHOOL GO TODAY STEVEN?

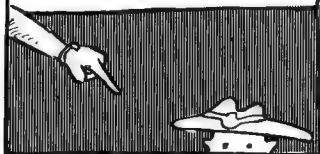


STEVEN IN "TROUBLE FOR STEVEN"

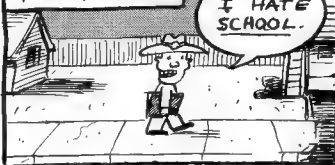
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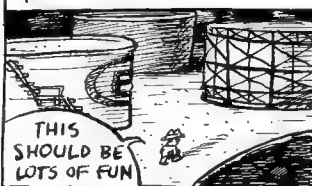
ON TUESDAY, STEVEN'S MOTHER SAID, "YOU HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL NOW."



STEVEN DECIDED TO SKIP SCHOOL TODAY AND HAVE FUN INSTEAD

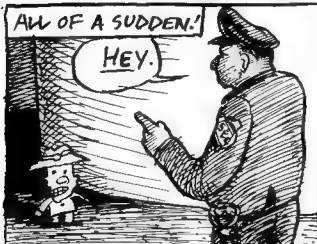


STEVEN WENT DOWN TO THE OIL TANKS NEARBY.

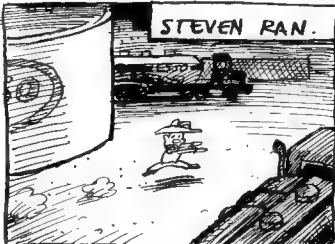


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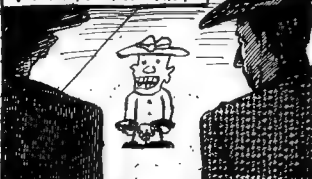
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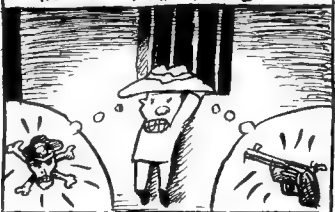
STEVEN RAN.



...BUT WHEN HE CAME TO THE ROAD, THE COPS WERE WAITING FOR HIM.



..SO STEVEN ESCAPED FROM JAIL AND RAN HOME.

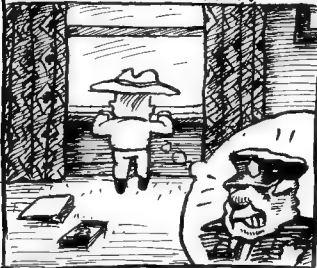


HI STEVE, HOW ARE YOU?

FUCK YOU



STEVEN WATCHED FROM THE WINDOW, HE WAS AFRAID.

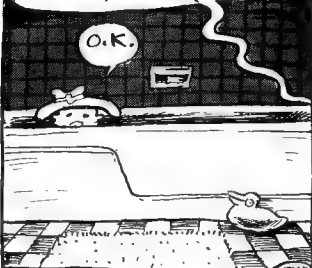


"STEVEN, IT'S TIME FOR YOUR BATH." STEVEN'S MOTHER CALLED.



HOW DID SCHOOL GO TODAY, STEVEN?

O.K.

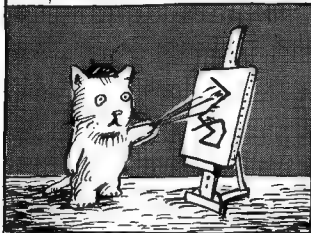


THE END

SHORTY THE ARTIST KITTY

BY
DOUG
ALLEN

SHORTY WAS HAVING A HARD TIME WITH HIS LATEST PAINTING, CALLED "LAST JUDGEMENT."



I THINK I'LL GO OVER TO SLAKEY'S HOUSE AND SEE WHAT HE'S DOING.



NO CAT FOOD.

KNOCK
KNOCK

WHO COULD
THAT BE?



OH, IT'S YOU SHORTY.

WERE YOU WATCHING
DISCO HOSPITAL
ON T.V.?

NO
COME
IN.



MY PAINTINGS HAVEN'T BEEN GOING VERY WELL LATELY.

HEY, COULD YOU LEND
ME A COUPLE BUCKS?



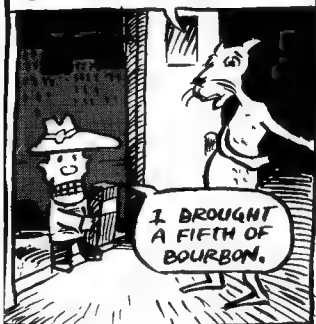
COMING, EXCUSE ME
SHORTY, SOMEBODY'S AT
THE DOOR AGAIN.

KNOCK
KNOCK

HMM
GOOD WINE.



OH, IT'S STEVEN, COME ON IN
SHORTY'S HERE TOO.



I BROUGHT
A FIFTH OF
BOURBON.

LATE THAT EVENING.

WELL I
GOTTA (HIC)
GO NOW.



HEY BUDDY,
LET'S SEE
SOME I.D.!

I THINK
I LEFT MY
COAT OVER
AT SLAKEY'S
HOUSE



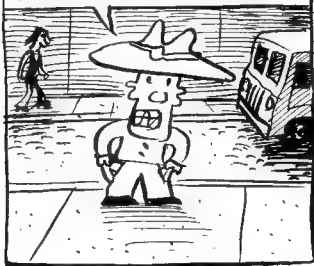
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BUT
FAMOUS

Steven "GETS A JOB"

DAVE ALLEN '78

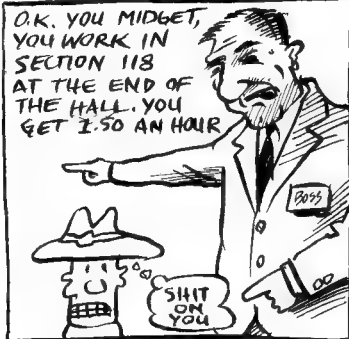
I'M FLAT BROKE, I'VE
GOT TO GET A JOB TO
MAKE MONEY QUICK!



MAYBE THEY'LL
MAKE ME THE
VICE-PRESIDENT.

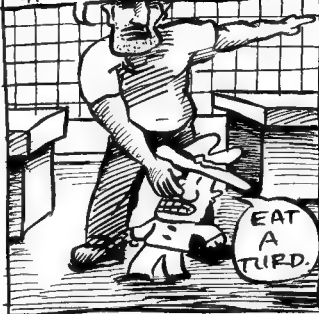


O.K. YOU MIDGET,
YOU WORK IN
SECTION 118
AT THE END OF
THE HALL. YOU
GET 1.50 AN HOUR

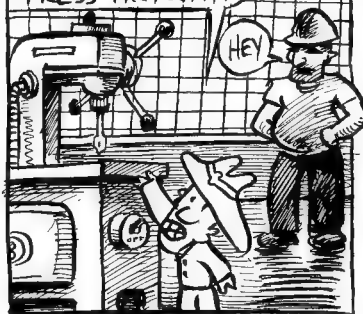


YOU, GO
DRILL
UP!

WORK THAT
PRESS, HURRY



OH SHIT I CAN'T EVEN
REACH THIS DAMN DRILL
PRESS ANYWAY.



WHAT'S THE MATTER
PUNK?
CAN'T YOU
TAKE IT?

WHAT DO YOU MAKE
IN THIS
FACTORY?

GUNS



OH.



I GUESS I BETTER NOT
GO BACK TO WORK
TOMMORROW.



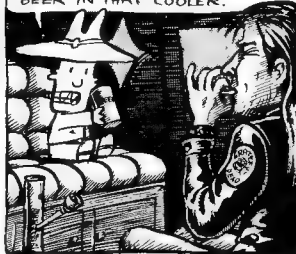
TROUBLE FOR STEVEN

BY DOUG ALLEN

MAYBE SOME OF THESE CONCERT GOERS HAVE BEER.



GREAT VAN, GOT ANY MORE BEER IN THAT COOLER.



HEY, IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE CONCERT, SAVE THOSE FOR LATER.



IF THIS VAN IS ROCKIN, DONT BOTHER KNOCKIN.



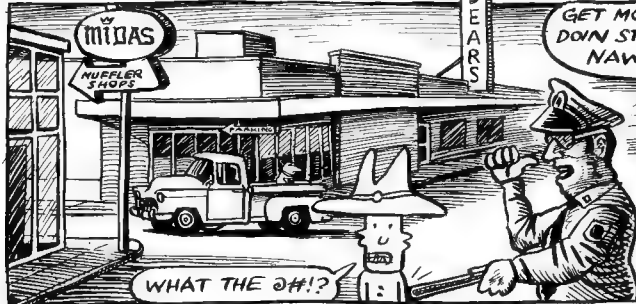
OKAY STEVEN, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE UNDER ARREST



BUT, WAIT, I HAVE TO APPEAR ON THE CIVIC CENTER STAGE IN A HALF HOUR!

STEVEN

BY DOUG ALLEN



GET MOVIN. WAT'YA DOIN STANDIN IN A MIDDLE NAWTH MAIN STREET?

WHAT THE #H!?

WHAT IS THIS? EVERYPLACE I GO I END UP GETTING IN AN ARGUMENT OR FIGHT.

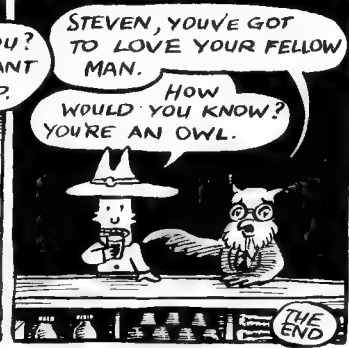


HELLO STEVEN, I'M MR. OWL P.H.D. I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

NO GO AWAY



BUT IM TRYING WHO TO HELP YOU STEVEN? ASKED YOU? I DONT WANT YOUR HELP.



STEVEN, YOU'VE GOT TO LOVE YOUR FELLOW MAN. HOW WOULD YOU KNOW? YOU'RE AN OWL.

THE END

STEVEN

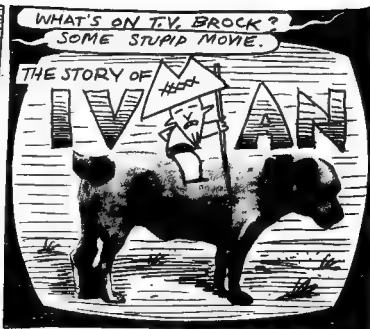
"RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE"



WHAT'S ON T.V., BROCK?
SOME STUPID MOVIE.

THE STORY OF

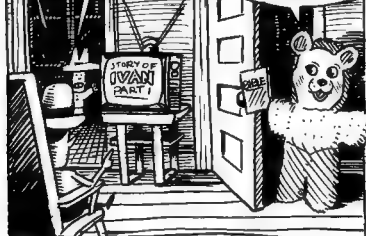
IVAN



OH, I'VE SEEN THIS ONE, STINKS.

ISN'T THERE ANY THING ELSE WE CAN WATCH?

WHY DON'T YOU TWO CONSULT THE BIBLE?



OH NO, IT'S SHUMAN, OUR RELIGIOUS LEADER.
HAIL SHUMAN, HOLY ONE.

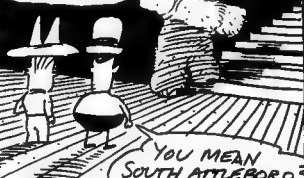
AS THE STRICT SHUMANISTS YOU PROFESS TO BE, I HEREBY ORDER YOU TO SEEK JOLLINESS OF THE HIGHEST DEGREE AND STOP WORSHIPPING FALSE SHUMANS.



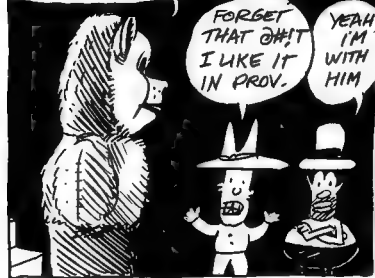
LAST WEEK, STEVEN'S HOLY LEADER, SHUMAN, APPEARED IN A MIRACULOUS VISION WHILE THE BOYS WERE WATCHING T.V. HE TOLD THE TWO SINNERS THAT THEY HAD BEEN MISLED AND MUST CHANGE THEIR WAYS.



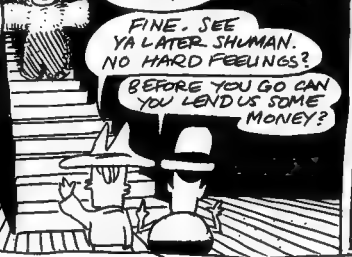
COME WITH ME AND WE SHALL GO TO AN ENCHANTED LAND, FAR FROM PROV.



NO, IT'S A LAND OF JOLLINESS AND FUN AND LOVE



O.K. YOU GUYS, BE LIKE THAT! YOU'RE THE LOSERS.

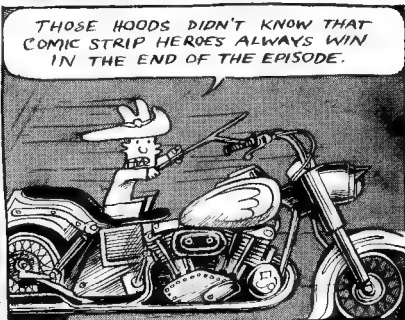
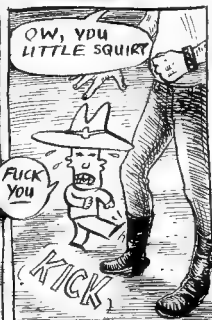
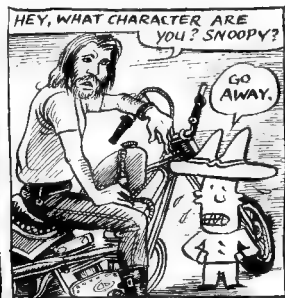


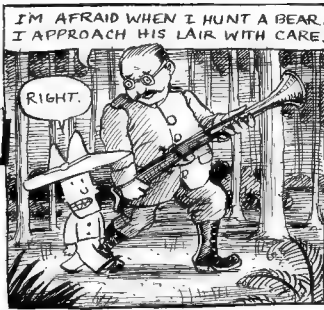
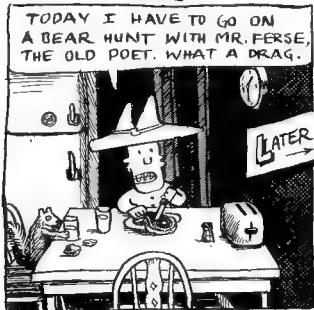
SPECIAL BONUS
STEVEN
LET THE
PHARMACY



THE FAMOUS *Steven*

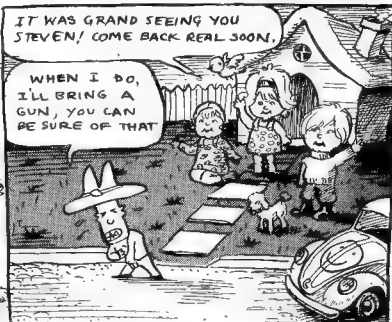
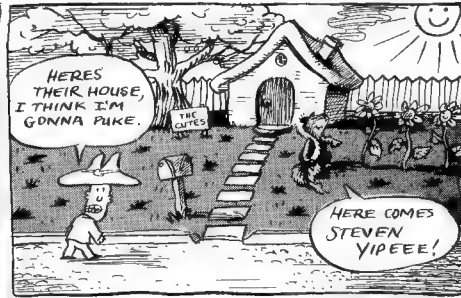
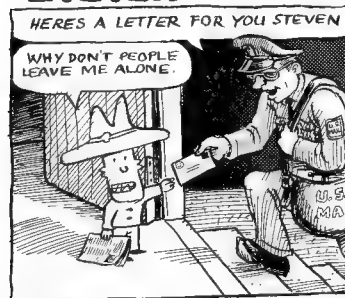
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STEVEN and the cute people

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THE CONTINUING STORY OF

STEVEN

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I GOTTA GET OUTA HERE, I HATE JAIL.



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUTA HERE.

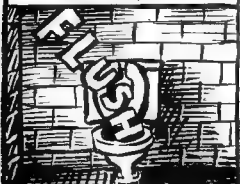


WELL, HERE I GO.



WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?

LAST WEEK, STEVEN WAS THROWN IN JAIL AND SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE UPON HIS LIFE. NEXT WEEK, STEVEN IS ACCUSED OF KILLING ALL THE CHILDREN IN ATLANTA, AND SHOOTING THE POPS.



Steven

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LAST WEEK, STEVEN ESCAPED FROM JAIL BY WAY OF THE PLUMBING SYSTEM.



WHERE AM I?

LUPO'S



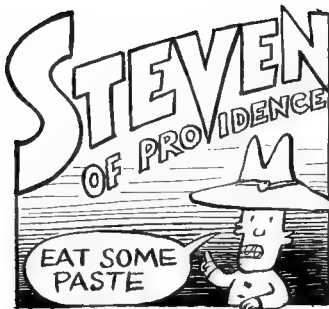
THIS IS WORSE THAN WHERE I WAS.



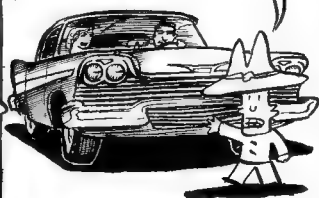
I WISH I WAS BACK IN JAIL

LOOKOUT SHORTY

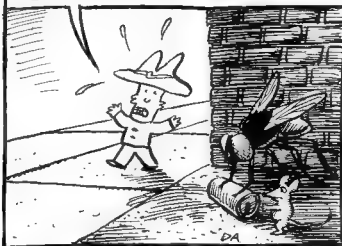




HEY LOOKOUT MORON, WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?



WHAT'S WRONG WITH EVERYBODY ANYWAY?



YOU BETTER STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND LISTEN TO ME. I'M TALKING



STEVEN LOSES HIS HAT

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MAYBE SOMEBODY IN THIS "FEIFFER" COMIC TOOK MY HAT. IF I EVER CATCH THE ONE WHO DID THIS, I'LL MAKE THEM EAT SOME PASTE!



LATER I DON'T KNOW, SLAKEY, THIS IS A VERY STRANGE HAT





STEVEN IS DISPLAYING HIS
PAINTING ENTITLED "GUITAR"

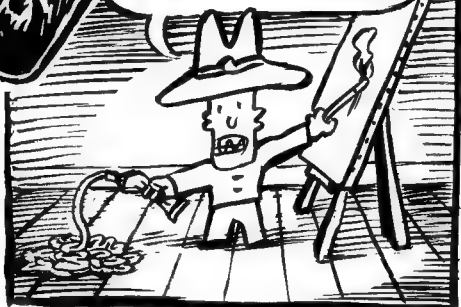
LATEST THING

WHY DOES
HE DO
IT?

EAT
SOME
PASTE

HE MAKES
THESE
PAINTINGS
WHILE HIS
BAND THE
"STEVENS"
PLAY A KIND
OF "NEW WAVE
PERFORMANCE"

NOTHING WAS
PROVEN
NOBODY CARED



STEVEN GETS A CHECKUP



TAKE THESE VITAMINS, BEGIN JOGGING AND EAT ONLY KELP



NOW I REALLY FEEL SICK



I HATE JOGGING. I'D RATHER DIE YOUNG

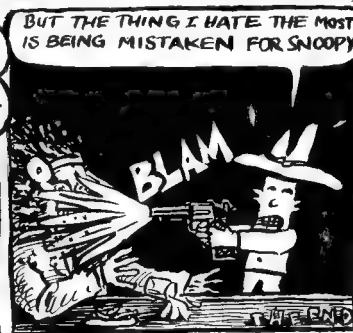
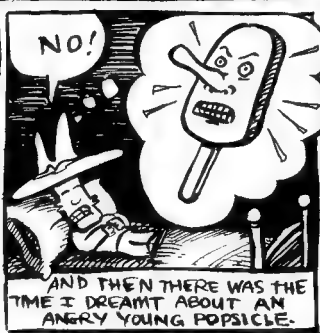


I'LL JUST STOP IN HERE & SEE IF THEY SERVE HEALTH FOODS

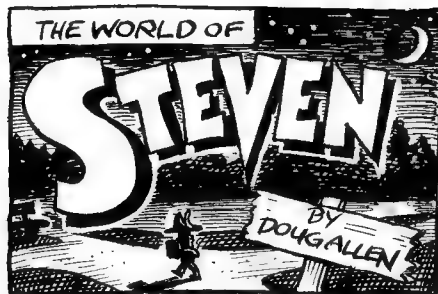


HI YA DOC. WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

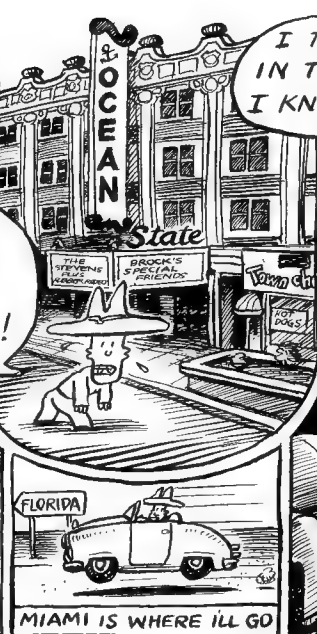
WHAT? O'HELLO SNOOPY.







VACATION FOR STEVEN



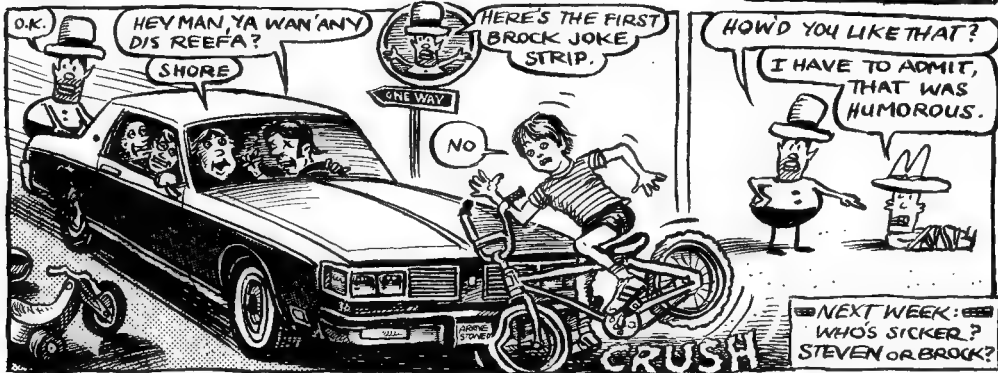
STEVEN BROCK

BY DOUG ALLEN

I SOLD THE RIGHTS TO STEVEN AND HIS STUPID COMIC. FROM NOW ON THIS IS THE "BROCK" COMIC.

FINALLY IT WILL BE INTERESTING AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FUNNY.

@#!K YOU



BROCK USED TO BE MY FRIEND, BUT HE'S TAKEN OVER MY COMIC AND RUINED IT.

BROCK

HELLO EVERYBODY. IN A FEW MINUTES I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TODAY'S "BROCK" COMIC IS ALL ABOUT.

QUICK STEVEN, WHAT SHOULD I DO? I DON'T HAVE A STORY FOR THIS WEEK

EAT SOME PASTE

BY DOUG ALLEN

C'MON STEVEN, YA GOTTA HELP ME OUT YUVE HAD EXPERIENCE

UNTIE ME

YOU'RE TOO LAZY TO HAVE YOUR OWN COMIC, BROCK, I'M NOT GOING TO HELP YOU

C'MON

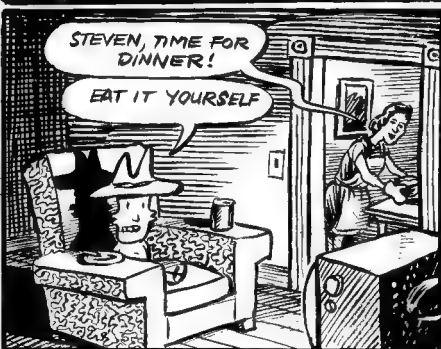
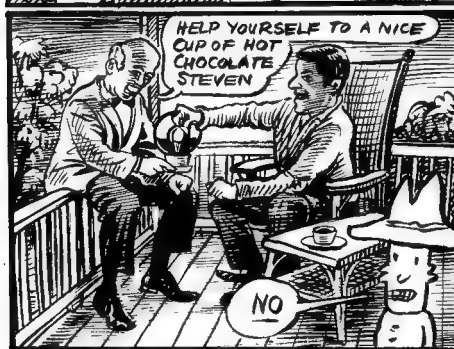
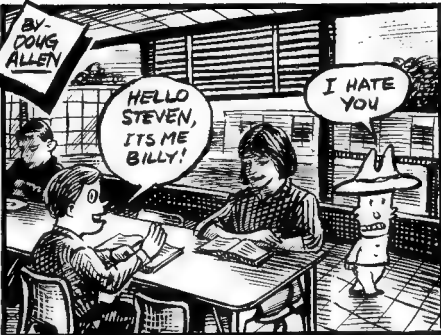
LATER

THAT'S RIGHT BROCK, IT SAYS I HEREBY RETURN ALL RIGHTS TO STEVEN SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE.

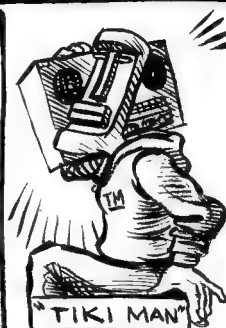
DAMN YOU

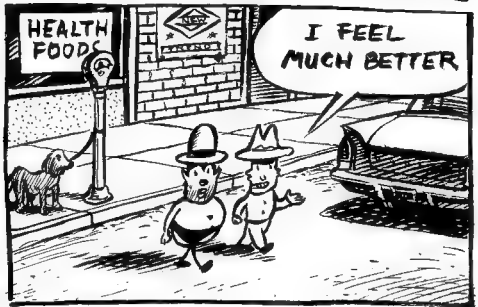
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF STEVEN

BY DOUG ALLEN



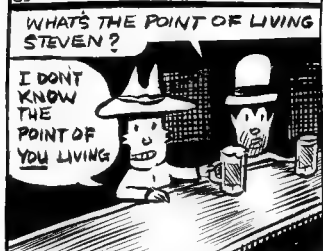
STEVEN'S ROLL CALL OF GLORY



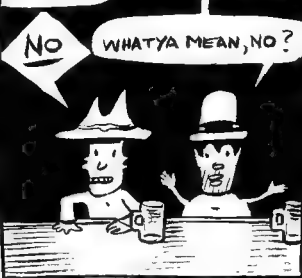


MINDLESS STEVEN

BY DOUG ALLEN



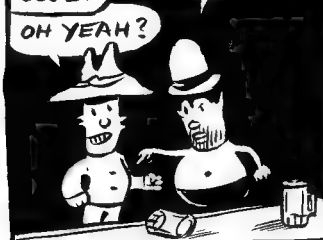
HAVEN'T YOU EVER SERIOUSLY THOUGHT ABOUT THE MEANING OF LIFE?



LISTEN BROCK, YOU'RE BORN, YOU LIVE AND THEN YOU DIE. THAT'S IT. NOTHING WAS PROVEN, NOBODY CARED.



THERE'S A WHOLE PART OF LIFE YOU'RE MISSING OUT ON, YA KNOW, YOU IGNORANT SLOB!



YOU KNOW, BROCK, AS BAD AS LIFE CAN GET SOMETIMES, I'D NEVER KILL MYSELF.



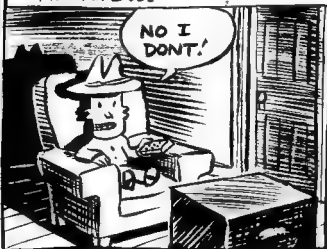
STEVEN

BY D. ALLENBEE

STEVEN IS A BOY WHO IS ALWAYS SAYING "NO". HE NEVER GROWS UP, AND HE NEVER GOES TO SCHOOL. HE IS A FULL TIME CARTOON CHARACTER.



HE HAS WHAT SOME CALL A BAD ATTITUDE...



HOWEVER HE IS OFTEN KNOWN TO POSSESS GREAT WISDOM.



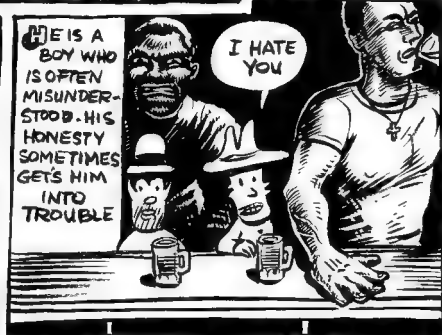
THERE IS A LOT TO BE LEARNED FROM STEVEN.



YA' KNOW BROCK, I FEEL LIKE STOPPING FOR A COOL BEVERAGE.



HE IS A BOY WHO IS OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD. HIS HONESTY SOMETIMES GETS HIM INTO TROUBLE



YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A TURKEY, BROCK.

THANKS, BUT...



THAT'S RIGHT, THANKS, YOU SAID IT. THANKSGIVING.

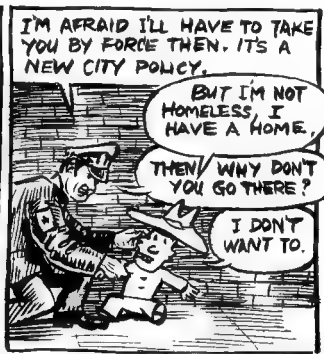
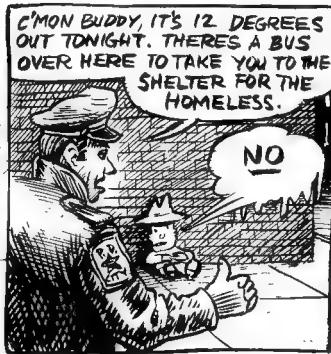


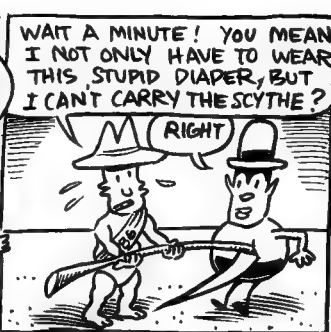
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS POSE AS THE TURKEY FOR A FEW MINUTES, THEN GET UP AND RUN OUT THE DOOR. WHEN THEY CHASE AFTER YOU, I'LL GRAB THE REST OF THE MEAL.



[LATER]







STEVEN...

THIS IS YOUR LIFE!

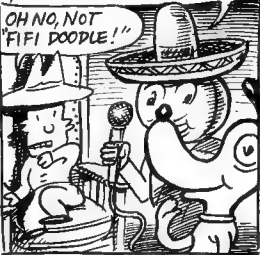


STEVEN, HOW YA DOIN'? YOU HAD A WONDERFUL LIFE. LET'S MEET SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS RIGHT NOW!!!

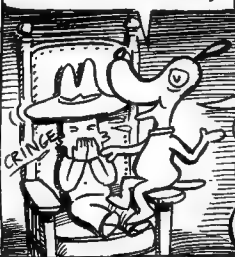


REMEMBER LAST YEAR WHEN A CERTAIN DOG TRIED TO TAKE OVER YOUR COMIC STRIP?

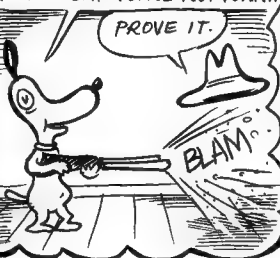
OH NO, NOT 'FIFI DOODLE'!



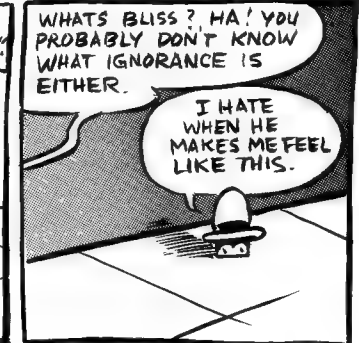
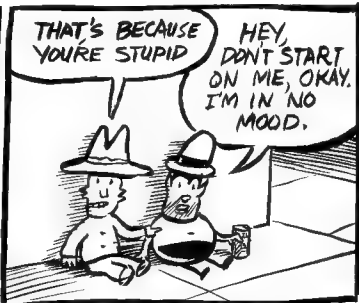
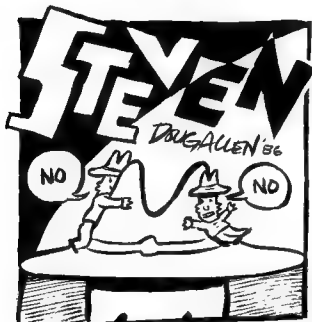
STEVE, BABY, REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST MET?

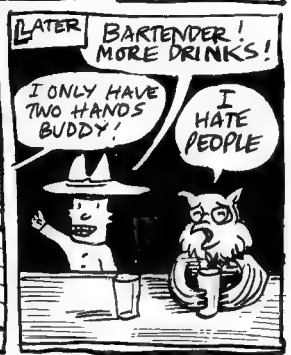
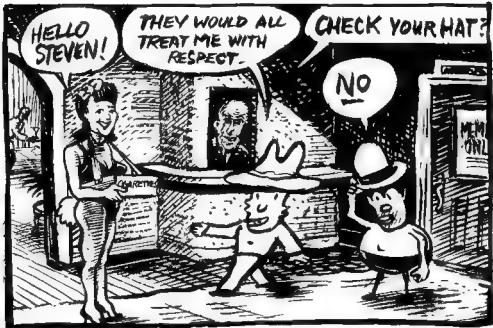


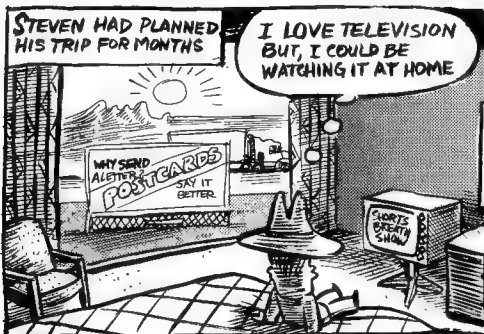
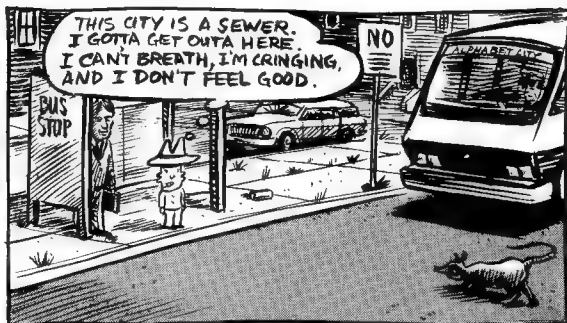
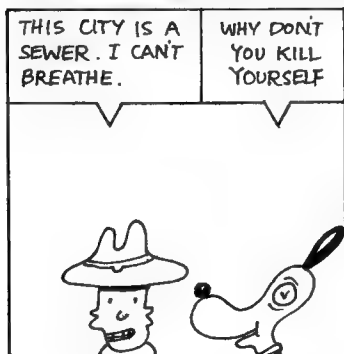
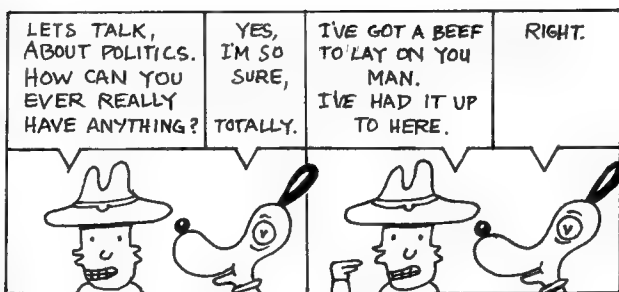
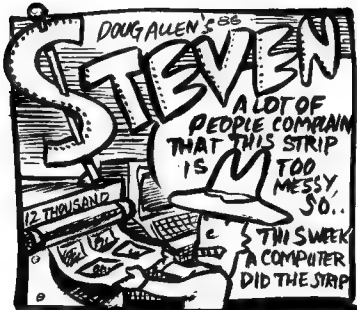
MY NAME IS "FIFI DOODLE" AND I SAY YOU'RE NOT FUNNY.

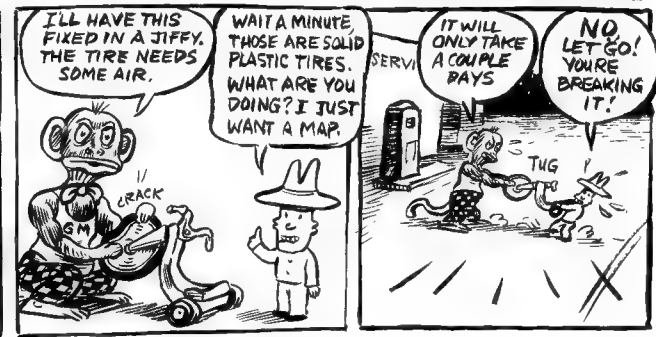
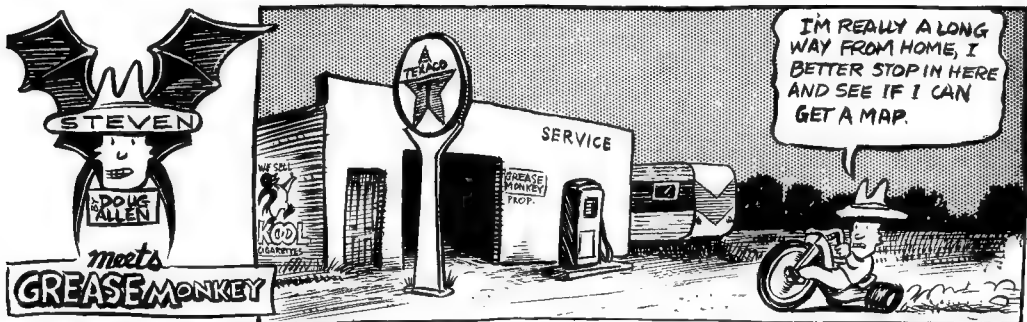
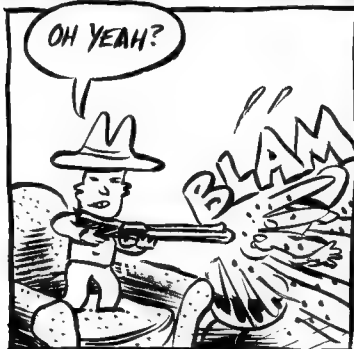
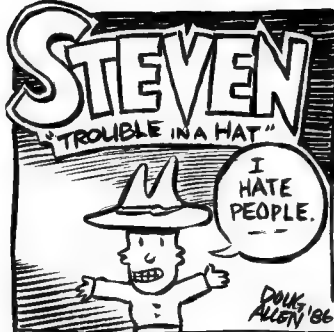


I CAN SEE STEVEN IS REALLY ENJOYING THIS REUNION AND AFTER THIS COMMERCIAL HE'LL BE SEEING HIS OLD PAL, THE CHARACTER WHO WOULDN'T DIE, WOODROW.











SAYING "NO" TO FRIENDS AND OTHER PEOPLE

Sometimes it's difficult to say "no" to friends and other people or to know exactly what to do when your parents aren't around.

NEVER let anyone touch you in your private parts or take pictures of you unless your parents say it's okay



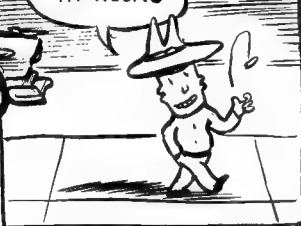
STEVEN...BOY PROBLEM

A QUARTER



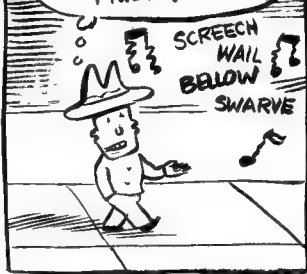
DOUG ALLEN '86

BOY, THIS REALLY MAKES MY DAY. THAT'S THE MOST MONEY I'VE HAD IN WEEKS



WHAT'S THAT AWFUL MUSIC?

SCREECH
WAIL
BELLOW
SWARVE



GOD THESE GUYS ARE TERRIBLE. THE WORST I'VE EVER HEARD.

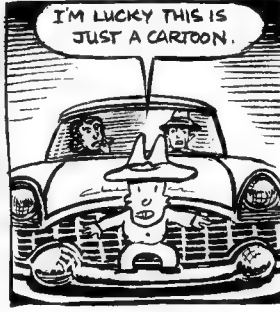
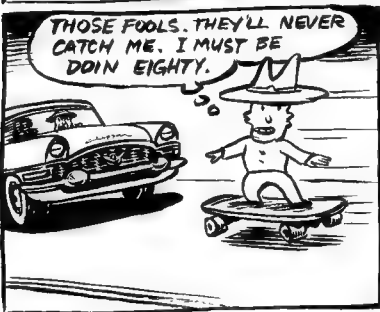
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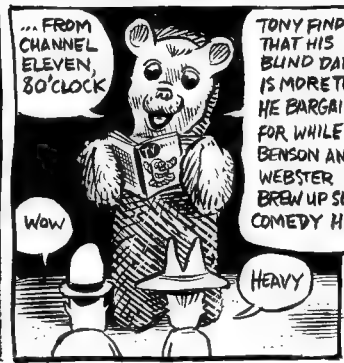
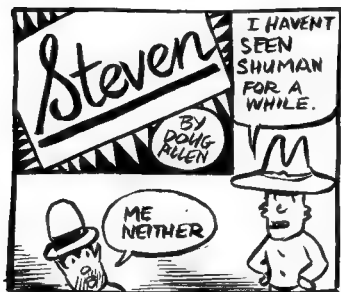
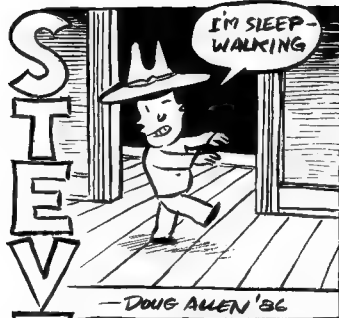


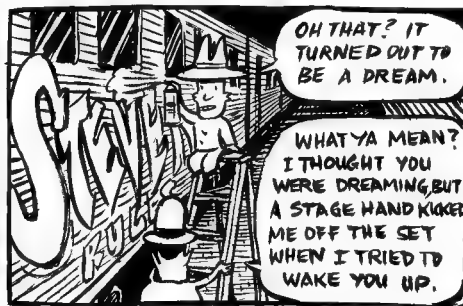
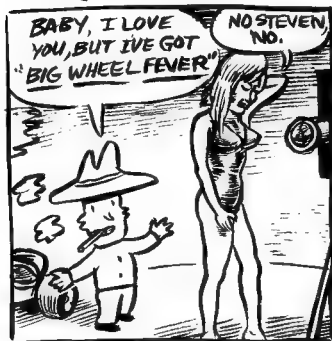
THESE GUYS ARE REALLY SAD. I WONDER IF THIS QUARTER WILL MAKE THEM STOP?



THEY WOULDN'T STOP.







JAMMIN' WITH STEVEN

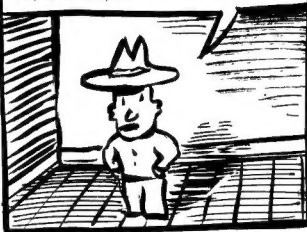
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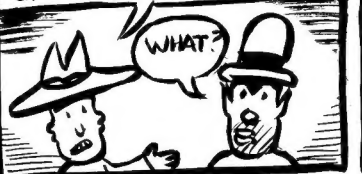
STEVEN IN PURE FILER

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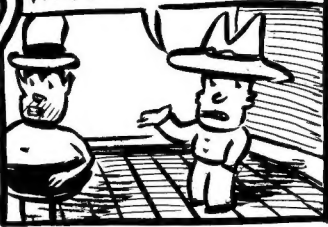
ONE OF THE THINGS I LIKE TO THINK WE DO IN THE COMIC BUSINESS IS TO FILL SPACE



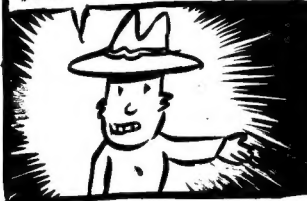
...AND AROUND HERE AT STEVEN'S WE DO IT PRETTY WELL. WHY, IF A CHARACTER IS DRAWN WELL ENOUGH HE ACTUALLY SEEMS TO TAKE UP SPACE.



THIS PARTICULAR COMIC STRIP IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.



WE'VE GOT NINE PANELS TO FILL RATHER THAN THE USUAL SIX. LET'S GO OVER HERE TO THE FURNITURE.



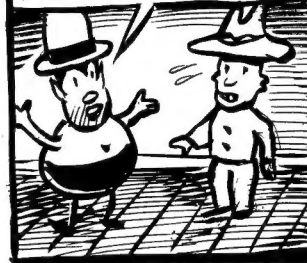
OKAY, HERE WE ARE. SEE, THAT TOOK ONE WHOLE PANEL OR FRAME



I'M TRYING TO DO A COMIC STRIP HERE. DO YOU MIND?



YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ENTERTAIN AND EDUCATE. ENLIGHTEN AND PROVOKE



ARE YOU FINISHED?

AND YOU SHOULD AT LEAST MAKE IT SEEM IMPORTANT



BROCK RAN A LITTLE OVER TIME, FOLKS, SO WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE OUR SPECIAL GUEST "ANDY BOY" BACK NEXT WEEK





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